



EASTERN VEGETABLE AND FRUIT REPORT

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---INSTANT MARKET NEWS---

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SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point And Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis For Thursday, October 09, 2003. Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Brokerage fees paid by the shipper are included in the price reported.

BEANS

SOUTH GEORGIA

Demand fairly light. Market lower.
Bushel crates and cartons
Round Green type
machine picked 18.00-20.85
Palletizing and precooling included

CABBAGE

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Demand good for Green, moderate for Red. Market steady.
50 lb cartons
Round Green type
medium 6.50- 7.00
few 6.00
occasional lower
large 5.00- 6.00
mostly 5.50- 6.00
few higher and lower
Red type
medium 7.00- 8.00
few high as 10.00
50 lb sacks
Round Green type
medium-large 3.00- 4.00
few 4.50
occasional lower

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK

Supply medium light. Demand good for medium, fairly light for large. Market steady.
50 lb cartons
Round Green type
medium 5.50- 6.50
mostly 6.00- 6.50
few higher and lower
50 lb sacks
Round Green type
large 2.00- 2.50
few higher
bulk per lb
Round Green type
large 0.03- 0.035
few 0.04

CARROTS

MICHIGAN

Demand fairly light. Market steady.
Sacks 48 1-lb filmbags
medium 6.00
occasional lower
one label high as 8.85
Sacks 24 2-lb filmbags
medium 6.00
occasional lower
one label high as 8.85
Sacks 16 3-lb filmbags
medium 6.00
occasional lower
one label high as 8.85
50 lb sacks loose
jumbo 4.50- 5.00
occasional higher and lower
Precooling and palletization charges included

KERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

Demand moderate. Market about steady.
Sacks 48 1-lb filmbags
medium-large 9.85
occasional lower
50 lb sacks loose
jumbo 11.35-12.85
Extra services included

CELERY

MICHIGAN

Supply fairly light. Demand moderate.
Market steady.
Cartons / crates
2 dozen 8.00
2 1/2 dozen 8.00
3 dozen 7.50
4 dozen 6.50

Cartons Filmbags

Hearts 24s 11.35
18s 9.00

CORN

SOUTH GEORGIA

Demand White light, others moderate.
Market about steady.
Wirebound crates 4 - 4 1/2 dozen
Yellow 7.35
White 6.35
Bi-Color 7.35
Precooling included

CUCUMBERS

SOUTH GEORGIA

Demand best medium and cartons 24-36s good, others moderate. Market higher.
1 1/9 bushel cartons Waxed
medium 14.00-16.35
few high as 16.85
fair quality 7.00- 8.85
few high as 10.35
few low as 6.00
small 10.00-12.35
few low as 8.00
occasional high as 12.85
cartons 24s 5.00- 6.00
prior commitments low as 4.00
cartons 36s 8.00-10.35

GREENS

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

(Reported on Monday and Thursday)
Demand moderate. Market about steady.
Various containers bunched/loose
Collards, Kale, Mustard
and Turnip Tops 5.50- 6.00

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

(Reported on Tuesday and Thursday)
Demand moderate. Market steady.
Cartons Bunched
Collards 6s 6.50- 8.00
few 8.50
Cartons loose
Kale 6.50- 8.50
mostly 6.50- 7.50
Mustard 6.00- 8.00
few 8.50
Turnip Tops 6.00- 8.00
few 8.50

SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

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SOUTH FLORIDA

Demand very good. Market about steady.
1/2 bushel cartons and crates
small-medium 12.85
Including palletizing and cooling

ONIONS, DRY

PERU IMPORTS THROUGH VARIOUS EAST COAST PORTS OF ENTRY

Demand very light. Market jumbo slightly lower, colossal about steady.

Yellow Granex type

U.S. One

40 lb cartons

colossal 17.00-19.00

few higher

South Florida Ports of entry 13.00-15.00

occasional higher

jumbo 16.00-18.00

mostly 16.00-17.00

few higher and lower

South Florida Ports of entry 12.00-14.00

occasional higher

ONIONS, GREEN

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

(Reported on Tuesday and Thursday)

Demand moderate. Market steady.

Cartons Bunched

Bulb type

48s 9.00-10.00

mostly 9.00- 9.50

PEACHES

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Demand very light. Market steady.

Some sales booked open with price to be established later.

Various Varieties Yellow Flesh California Well

Matured Primary Variety Autumn Flame

Cartons 2 layer traypack

40-42s 5.00- 7.00

mostly 5.00

occasional higher and lower

48-50s 5.00- 7.00

mostly 5.00

occasional higher and lower

25 lb cartons loose

48-50 size 5.00- 8.00

mostly 6.00

occasional higher and lower

54-56 size 5.00- 7.00

occasional higher and lower

60-64 size 4.00- 5.00

occasional lower

Precooling and palletizing extra

PEPPERS

SOUTH GEORGIA

Demand light. Market jumbo lower, extra large slightly lower, others steady.

1 1/9 bushel cartons and crates

Bell type Green

jumbo 8.00-10.85

mostly 9.00-10.35

extra large 7.00- 8.35

mostly 8.00- 8.35

few high as 10.85

large 6.00- 7.35

few high as 8.85

medium 6.00- 7.35

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA

Demand moderate. Market about steady.

Wide range in quality.

1 1/9 bushel cartons and crates and 25 lb cartons

Bell type Green

extra large 6.50- 7.85

mostly 7.00- 7.15

few 8.00- 8.20

occasional higher and lower

large 6.00- 7.85

mostly 6.00- 6.50

few 5.00- 5.50

occasional higher and lower

medium 5.00- 6.85

mostly 5.00- 5.50

few 4.50

occasional lower

irregular size fair quality 4.00- 5.85

mostly 4.50- 4.85

occasional lower

Extra services included

RADISHES

MICHIGAN

Demand fairly light. Market steady.

Red Cartons topped Filmbags

30 6-oz 5.00- 5.50

14 1-lb 5.50- 6.00

14 1-lb resealable 6.00- 6.50

Includes precooling charges

SQUASH

SOUTH GEORGIA

Demand light. Market lower.

1/2 and 5/9 bushel cartons and crates

Zucchini

small 5.00- 6.35

occasional high as 8.35

medium 3.00- 4.35

occasional high as 6.35

Yellow Straightneck

small 8.00-10.35

occasional high as 12.35

medium 6.00- 8.35

occasional high as 10.35

3/4 bushel cartons

Yellow Crookneck

small 10.00-12.35

medium 6.00- 8.35

mostly 6.00- 7.35

occasional low as 5.00

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA

Demand medium and large light, others moderate. Market medium and large lower, others about steady.

Lugs

Zucchini

small 6.35- 8.35

mostly 7.35- 8.35

occasional higher and lower

small-medium 6.35- 8.85

mostly 7.35- 8.35

occasional higher and lower

medium 4.35- 6.35

mostly 5.35- 6.35

Yellow Straightneck

small 7.35- 8.35

mostly 8.35

few higher and lower

small-medium 7.35- 8.35

mostly 8.35

few higher and lower

medium 6.35- 8.35

few higher

1 1/9 bushel cartons and crates

Zucchini

large 4.35- 5.35

mostly 4.35

Yellow Straightneck

large 6.35- 8.35

few higher

Extra services included

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

(Reported on Tuesday and Thursday)

Demand moderate. Market Zucchini lower, others about steady.

1/2 bushel cartons and crates

Zucchini

small 8.00

medium 6.00

3/4 bushel cartons

Yellow Crookneck

small 14.00

medium 8.00

SWEET POTATOES

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

(Report issued Monday and Thursday)

Demand moderate. Market lower on U.S.

Two and jumbo, about steady on U.S. One.

Predominant varieties include Beauregard, Hernandez and Jewell

40 lb cartons Uncured (green)

U.S. One

medium 18.00

some 17.00

occasional higher and lower

jumbo 10.00-11.00

some 12.00

U.S. Two 9.00-10.00

SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**TOMATOES****WEST DISTRICT FLORIDA**

Demand very good. Market about steady. Some curtail in harvest due to overnight rain and wet fields.

25 lb cartons loose Mature Greens

85% U.S. One or better

5x6 size 9.00-10.00

mostly 10.00

6x6 size 8.00-10.00

mostly 9.00

6x7 size 7.00- 9.00

mostly 8.00

U.S. Two

5x6 size 8.00- 9.00

mostly 9.00

6x6 size 7.00- 8.00

mostly 8.00

6x7 size 6.00- 8.00

mostly 7.00

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA

Demand 4x4-4x5s good, others moderate. Market 4x4-4x5s higher, others about steady.

Flats 2 layer Vine Ripes

4x4s 10.85-12.90

4x5s 10.85-12.90

5x5s 9.85-11.35

mostly 10.85-10.90

5x6s 10.85-11.35

mostly 10.85-10.90

Cartons 3 layer Vine Ripes

6x6 size few 10.90-11.35

Extra services included

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Light supplies expected for next couple of weeks. Too few sales to establish a market. LAST REPORT

EASTERN TENNESSEE

Light supplies expected for next couple of weeks. Too few sales to establish a market. LAST REPORT

CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

Demand good. Market steady.

25 lb cartons Mature Greens

85% U.S. One or better

extra large 7.20- 8.20

mostly 8.20

large 7.20- 8.20

mostly 8.20

medium 6.20- 7.20

Extra services included

TOMATOES, CHERRY**WEST DISTRICT FLORIDA**

Demand very good.

Some curtail in harvest due to overnight rain and wet fields.

Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids

Grape type 13.00-13.20

Including palletizing and cooling

FIRST REPORT

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA

Demand good. Market Grape type higher, Cherry type about steady.

Flats 12 1-pint baskets 14.35-14.90

mostly 14.75

few higher

Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids

Grape type 12.90

20 lb cartons loose

Grape type 14.35-14.85

few higher and lower

Extra services included

TOMATOES, PLUM**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA**

Demand good. Market steady.

25 lb cartons Roma

extra large 12.35-12.90

mostly 12.85-12.90

few higher

large 12.35-12.90

mostly 12.85-12.90

few higher

medium 10.35-12.90

mostly 11.85-11.90

occasional higher

Extra services included

CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA

Demand good. Market about steady.

25 lb cartons

extra large 11.20-12.20

mostly 12.20

large 11.20-12.20

mostly 12.20

medium 10.20

Extra services included

WHOLESALE MARKETS

October 10, 2003

Unless otherwise stated, prices below cover sales by first receivers on available supplies to 11:00 a.m. on this morning's terminal market in wholesale lots on stock of generally good merchantable quality and condition. Weather report indicates temperature and climatic conditions at 7:00 a.m. local time and followed by the highest temperature of the preceding day.

PHILADELPHIA (Fog 58-79)

---Beans Market lower bushel cartons and crates Round Green type GA machine picked 22.00-25.00 mostly 24.00-25.00

---Cabbage Market about steady 1 3/4 bushel crates and 50 lb cartons Round Green type NJ medium 5.00-5.50 NY medium 5.00-6.00

---Carrots Market about steady sacks 48 1-lb filmbags CA medium-large 13.00 few 16.50

---Corn Market slightly lower wirebound crates 4 - 4 1/2 dozen GA Yellow 10.00-11.00 White 9.00-10.00 mostly 10.00 Bi-color 9.00

---Cucumbers Offerings light 1 1/9 bushel cartons and crates waxed GA medium fair quality few 8.00-10.00

---Peaches Market steady 1/2 bushel cartons Various Yellow Flesh varieties NJ no grade marks 2 3/4 inch up 12.00 2 1/2 inch up 10.00-12.00

---Peppers Market about steady 1 1/9 bushel cartons Bell type Green GA jumbo 9.00-10.00 fair appearance extra large 8.00 large 5.00-6.00

---Squash Market Zucchini lower others about steady 1/2 bushel cartons GA Zucchini small-medium 6.00-7.00 mostly 7.00 medium 5.00-6.00 mostly 5.00 Yellow Straightneck small-medium 12.00 medium 10.00

---Tomatoes Market about steady higher lb cartons 85% U.S. One or better Mature Greens light red-red FL 5x6s 12.00-13.00 U.S. Combination 6x6s fair condition 8.00

NEW YORK CITY (Overcast 60-78)

---Beans Market slightly lower bushel cartons and crates Round Green type GA 25.00-27.00 mostly 25.00

---Cabbage Market about steady 1 3/4 bushel crates and 50 lb cartons Round Green type NJ medium-large 7.00-8.00 mostly 8.00 NY medium-large 6.00-8.00 mostly 7.00

---Carrots Market about steady topped sacks 48 1-lb filmbags CA medium-large 11.00-12.00 50 lb sacks loose CA jumbo 14.00-15.00 mostly 15.00

---Corn Market slightly lower wirebound cartons /crates 4 dozen GA Yellow 10.00-11.00 few 9.00 White 10.00-11.00 Bi-color 10.00-11.00

---Cucumbers Offerings light 1 1/9 bushel cartons and crates waxed GA medium 20.00 fair quality 12.00-13.00 small 8.00

---Peaches Market about steady Various Yellow Flesh Varieties cartons 2 layer traypack CA California Well Matured 36s 16.00 44s 12.00 1/2 bushel cartons NJ no grade marks fair condition 2 3/4 inch up 6.00-10.00 2 1/2 inch up 6.00-10.00

---Peppers Market about steady 1 1/9 bushel cartons Bell type Green GA extra large 10.00-12.00 large 8.00-10.00

---Squash Market lower 1/2 bushel cartons GA Zucchini small 8.00-10.00 few 12.00 medium 6.00-8.00 Yellow Straightneck small 10.00-12.00 few 8.00 medium 8.00

---Tomatoes Market about steady 25 lb cartons 85% U.S. One or better Mature Greens pink-light red CA extra large 14.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 turning pink extra large 11.00 TN U.S. Two Mature Greens light red-red extra large 13.00

AVAILABLE SHIPMENTS (TRUCK AND RAIL)& MEXICAN CROSSINGS FOR DATES SPECIFIED

DATE	Oct 03	Oct 04	Oct 05	Oct 06	Oct 07	Oct 08	Oct 09	Total To Date	Total Last Season
BEANS (30,000 lbs or 1,000-30 lb containers)									
Georgia (Fall)	10	9	8	19	26	24	27	249	158
CABBAGE (40,000 lbs or 800-50 lb cartons)									
Wisconsin	24	17	11	20	23	23	20	1659	1422
New York	31	37	7	49	40	49	40	2407	1895
CORN (42,000 lbs or 1,000-42 lb crates)									
Georgia (Fall)	27	18	10	16	31	24*	26	383	321
CUCUMBERS (44,000 lbs or 800-55 lb cartons)									
Georgia (Fall)	34	29	2	51	37	27	48	599	393
PEACHES (38,500 lbs or 1,540-25 lb cartons equivalent)									
California	30	27	0	26	29	22	20	12819	13672
New Jersey	5	3	0	6	7	7	4	939	1049
PEPPERS (36,000 lbs or 1,285-28 lb cartons)									
Georgia (Fall)	23	9	7	36	46	34	43	359	339
TOMATOES (40,000 lbs or 1,600-25 lb cartons)									
Florida	20	13	2	29	33	24	17	166	236
Mexico	12	10	6	8	13	15	17	612	500

*Includes previously unreported shipments

Totals may not add due to rounding

Shipments from Mexico may include some transshipments to destinations in other countries

NO REPORT WILL BE ISSUED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2003
IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Robert J. Corwin

dbt 4:00pm

Local Representative